

## Easterling, Deborah

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**From:** Easterling, Deborah  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2015 2:23 PM  
**To:** 'Jared Robinson'  
**Subject:** RE: Uber got me home safely

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Dear Mr. Robinson,

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This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. I am forwarding your email to our Clerk's Office for processing. Your email will become a part of Docket No. 2014-372-T and will be posted on our website under this docket.

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Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling  
Administrative Coordinator

**From:** Jared Robinson [<mailto:jaredr0505@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 18, 2015 1:44 AM  
**To:** PSC\_Contact  
**Cc:** \_RegStaff - Complaints Distribution Group  
**Subject:** Uber got me home safely

Guys...Don't be ridiculous here. Uber is safe. I've been taken home many times by Uber when I couldn't get a cab in downtown Greenville. Thanks to Uber, I didn't have to endanger myself, or any others, to make it home safely.

Sincerely,

Jared Robinson

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**From:** Easterling, Deborah  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2015 2:30 PM  
**To:** 'Sam'  
**Subject:** RE: Keep Uber

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Dear Sam Box,

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Administrative Coordinator

-----Original Message-----

From: Sam [<mailto:sbox@sc.rr.com>]  
Sent: Sunday, January 18, 2015 2:07 AM  
To: PSC\_Contact  
Cc: \_RegStaff - Complaints Distribution Group  
Subject: Keep Uber

That is absolutely ridiculous you are trying to take away uber, the cab companies in columbia SC are on the border of a prison transport at times. Prove yourselves as actually being a worthy of wasting my hard earned tax dollars for once in your careers and keep Uber. Thanks -Sam Box

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**From:** Easterling, Deborah  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2015 2:22 PM  
**To:** 'Mark Alexander1'  
**Subject:** RE: Uber is fine

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Administrative Coordinator

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Mark Alexander1 [<mailto:malexander1@mindspring.com>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 18, 2015 12:01 AM  
**To:** PSC\_Contact  
**Cc:** \_RegStaff - Complaints Distribution Group  
**Subject:** Uber is fine

I have been using uber for a few months now and cabs for a few months before that. Uber beats the day lights out of cabs for cleanliness, politeness, promptness, reliability, punctuality, and in every way I could list. Please don't take this option off the table and force riders to use antique, unsafe, dirty cabs driven by people you wouldn't ride with if you were hitchhiking in the rain.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Easterling, Deborah  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 21, 2015 10:04 AM  
**To:** 'Kenney Hoyle'  
**Subject:** RE: Uber

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Dear Mr. Hoyle,

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Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling  
Administrative Coordinator

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**From:** Kenney Hoyle [<mailto:khoyle@laserquest.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 16, 2015 5:26 PM  
**To:** PSC\_Contact  
**Cc:** \_RegStaff - Complaints Distribution Group  
**Subject:** Uber

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing you to voice my displeasure in your decision to block Uber from providing their services to the constituents of SC. As a businessman, I use Uber for transportation to and from the airport to keep from having to leave my vehicle there, due to safety concerns. Uber has always provided me with safe and professional service, above and beyond what I have received from any taxi service. Due to my living between Charlotte, NC and Rock Hill, SC, there isn't a taxi service willing to pick me up from my home. Your decision has now created problems for myself and thousands of other South Carolinians without us having a say. I hope that this decision was not politically driven, however my confidence in that is not very high. This is an opportunity to prove me wrong and do what is best for the people of SC instead of what is best for a few business' and politicians.

Sincerely,

**Kenney Hoyle**

Area Manager

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**From:** Easterling, Deborah  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2015 4:19 PM  
**To:** 'Nate DaPore'  
**Subject:** RE: CEOs Letter Support for Uber

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Deborah Easterling  
Administrative Coordinator

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**From:** Nate DaPore [<mailto:Nate.DaPore@peoplesmatter.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 19, 2015 11:29 AM  
**To:** PSC\_Contact; Scott, Dukes; PSC\_Commissioner.Hall; PSC\_Commissioner.Whitfield; PSC\_Commissioner.Howard; PSC\_Commissioner.Elam; PSC\_Commissioner.Randall; PSC\_Commissioner.Fleming; PSC\_Commissioner.Hamilton; [bakerc@charleston-sc.gov](mailto:bakerc@charleston-sc.gov); Ernest Andrade ([ernest@charlestondigitalcorridor.com](mailto:ernest@charlestondigitalcorridor.com)); [Beth.webb@gov.sc.gov](mailto:Beth.webb@gov.sc.gov); Hitt, Robert  
**Cc:** \_RegStaff - Complaints Distribution Group; Grier Allen; Kevin Eichelberger ([kevin@blueacorn.com](mailto:kevin@blueacorn.com)); Adam Witty ([awitty@advantageww.com](mailto:awitty@advantageww.com)); [Vwooten@sccommerce.com](mailto:Vwooten@sccommerce.com)  
**Subject:** CEOs Letter Support for Uber

All –  
Please see the attached letter from the CEOs of Advantage Media Group, Blue Acorn, BoomTown, and PeopleMatter in support of Uber. We kindly request your review of the attached letter.

Regards,  
Nate

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# In Support of Uber

Uber is critical to our community. Restore service.

January 19, 2015

The Honorable Nikki Halley, Governor State of South Carolina

The Honorable Joseph Riley, Mayor City of Charleston

Executive Director, C. Dukes Scott, Office of Regulatory Staff

Chairwomen, Public Service Commission - Nikiya Hall - District 6

Vice Chairman, Public Service Commission - Swain E. Whitfield - District 5

Commissioner, Public Service Commission - John E. Howard - District 1

Commissioner, Public Service Commission - Elliott F. Elam, Jr. - District 2

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Commissioner, Public Service Commission - Elizabeth B. Fleming - District 4

Commissioner, Public Service Commission - G. O'Neal Hamilton - District 7

Governor Haley, Mayor Riley, Executive Director Scott, and Public Service Commissioners –

South Carolina is a wonderful state we all get the privilege to call home for our companies each and every day. One of the many reasons this state is so wonderful is the entrepreneurial spirit that flourishes and the support we as entrepreneurs receive from a state that values progress and makes it easy to do business here. The numerous small and large businesses that make up our state from Advantage Media Group to Blue Acorn to BoomTown to PeopleMatter and countless other businesses like ours create jobs, ensure a very high quality of life, and provide tax revenues for you all to continue to ensure our state moves forward into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We do this because South Carolina is “Open for Business” and has one of the best entrepreneurial environments in the United States.

We believe you all, as leaders of our state and community, are one of the primary reasons we get this opportunity each day to thrive in our state and attract new entrepreneurs like ourselves to start businesses here. As a state that prides itself as being “open for business” and placing a huge emphasis on being a business friendly environment, the recent decision to halt the ridesharing app Uber was a terrible message you sent that is counter to our states progressive thinking. We call on you to immediately restore ridesharing and specifically support Uber in our state. The decision by the ORS and PSC to halt service without public input and allowing Uber to put forth their case is shocking and sends a terrible message to the business community here in the state, future companies that may relocate here, and consumers. The message you are sending is South Carolina is “Closed for Business”.

Here in Charleston, our region is exploding with growth. We are now one of the fastest growing MSAs in the US and the density of people continues to grow in a very limited geographic area. Our mass transit in the area and the current infrastructure of our roads is inadequate for the future growth we have coming our way. Ridesharing apps like Uber are something the state desperately needs to support the growth, safety of transportation, and options for consumers. Ridesharing will help ease some of the pressure our road infrastructure is feeling today.



The taxi industry will continue to thrive right alongside of Uber just as it has in numerous cities throughout the United States. Our transportation laws are outdated and need desperately to be overhauled to keep pace with the 21<sup>st</sup> century technology ridesharing apps offer. Consumers and businesses need choice and deserve to be offered a safe, reliable, alternative.

We call on you now to act and support ridesharing and specifically Uber. All of us stand in support of Uber and look to you, our public service leaders, to ensure this valuable and needed service is not stopped. Help keep our state "Open for Business" and reaffirm the message that South Carolina is a state that values entrepreneurship and progress.

With highest regards,

Nate DaPore  
President and CEO  
PeopleMatter

Grier Allen  
President and CEO  
BoomTown

Kevin Eichelberger  
President and CEO  
Blue Acorn

Adam Witty  
Founder & CEO  
Advantage Media